

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 2, 2000, the Examiner set forth certain informal matters at pages 2 and 3. Applicants request that the Examiner hold those issues in abeyance until the Examiner indicates allowable subject matter.

The Examiner rejected certain claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,075,222 and 5,453,490. See Action at page 4. If the Examiner holds that all of the pending claims are otherwise allowable, applicants will file a terminal disclaimer in view of those two patents.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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